

TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
**AGENDA**  
March 30, 2005

*Started: 6:00 pm.*

1. Review and Sign:
  - Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes  
**All items reviewed and signed.**

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Conduct Liquor License Hearings (6:00 p.m.)

**At 6:00 p.m. the Selectmen opened the liquor license application hearings for Sebasco Harbor Resorts (Class IA), Small Point Club (Class V), Spinney's Restaurant (Class IA), The Lobster House Restaurant (Class I), Anna's Waters Edge Restaurant (Class I). No public comments were made. Hearings were closed at 6:01 p.m. Selectmen voted (3-0) to approve all license applications.**

- Meet with Les Smith, Road Committee Chair, and Curtis Doughty, Road Commissioner, to discuss Stoneybrook Road rebuild.

**Meeting held. Les Smith reported that the borings taken by Pine Tree Engineering indicated a 14 foot layer of peat under the proposed road relocation in the vicinity of the Beals and Coombs properties. There was also a chance that the same condition exists under the current road. He explained that it would be very expensive to build in the new location. Mr. Smith asked for \$700.00 to pay Pine Tree Engineering to conduct a feasibility study for relocating the proposed section of road to the old roadbed. It would require that the Town obtain larger rights-of-way from Robert Beals and Daniel Coombs.**

**Selectman Rice asked how it would impact the abutting properties if the proposed road location changed. Mr. Smith replied that it would not affect any other properties because it does not appear the Lynn Pantalena is willing to grant a grading and drainage easement. The Road Committee says that the relocation can be done economically and may result in a reduced cost of \$36,000, which was an estimated cost when it was thought there was clay where the proposed road bed would be. He recommended putting 18 inches of base and 4 inches of pavement over the old road bed and then adding to it after 10 or 15 years. Mr. Smith also stated that you could not increase the load limit on the road because it would require a 33 foot right of way for construction, which the Town does not have. Mr. Smith continued to explain the interstate requirements for their 100,000 pound roads. The interstate required a 100 foot right of way for each lane (an 80,000 pound road requires a 66 foot to 75 foot right of way and you would need 4 feet of roadbed and increase the height of the pavement 3 feet.)**

**Selectman Douglass asked if the road location change would change the safety features. Mr. Smith replied that the only thing that would change was the site distance.**

**Mr. Smith explained that probably an acre of property would be needed from Beals and Coombs and the property surveys would be done after the engineering was completed. He also stated that ledge had been struck while doing borings.**

**The Selectmen voted (3-0) to authorize \$700.00 for the road redesign and will leave the current articles in the Town Meeting Warrant.**

3. Discuss the following issues:

- Posting roads violations

**The T/A reported that there were three violations of the posted Roads Ordinance. The first two violations were by trucks owned by Purse Line Bait and the third was from a Mayflower moving truck. After discussion the Selectmen voted (2-1) to assess the minimum \$250.00 fine for each violation to Purse Line Bait (total fine is \$500.00) and voted (2-0) to assess a \$250.00 fine to the operator of the Mayflower truck.**

**The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Gene Coffin's Attorney to the Court concerning his health condition. Selectman Wells stated that several people had asked what was happening in the Town of Phippsburg vs. GAC case and that some townspeople felt that this case should be handled differently now. Selectman Wells recommended that the Selectmen show some compassion in this case. Selectman Wells made a motion to drop the court case against GAC because of special circumstances. Selectmen voted (3-0) to drop the court case.**

**The T/A reported that Josh Bate had lodged a complaint with the Chief of Police that trucks servicing the Transfer Station were running on Sam Day Hill road fully loaded. The T/A provided a written opinion from the Town Attorney stating that this was allowed under the Posted Roads Ordinance because solid waste removal is mandated by the State. The T/A was directed to send a copy of the written opinion to Josh Bate.**

**Curtis Doughty stated that the roads would be posted for at least another week and discussed some problem areas.**

- T/A working at home on Town Report 4/1/05  
**Selectmen approved request.**

4. Review the following items:

- Letter from DEP concerning completed remediation of potential sources of contamination.
- Handbook of Essential Habitat Review
- Patten Free Library Funding Request
- Chamber Connections

**All items reviewed. No action taken.**

5. Discuss attendance at the following meetings, courses, and seminars:

- Sagadahoc County Exchange – April 6, 9-1 pm.

**The T/A will give a copy to the Police Chief.**

- The T/A and Tax Collector/Treasurer attending TRIO Accounting Course on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Selectmen approved attendance. The Town Office Counter will be closed.**

- **Elderly Housing Organization – April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.  
Selectmen were informed.**

6. Miscellaneous

- **Selectman Wells recommended that \$250.00 be appropriated out of the Selectmen's Contingency Fund to replace the Farmers Market sign. Check will be given to Laura Nickerson. Selectmen voted (3-0) to approve. Curtis Doughty recommended that it be made moveable for plowing.**
- **Selectman discussed the negative impact of the Homestead Exemption legislation of LD1.**

*Adjourned:* 6:38